

Based upon the Examiner's representations, Applicant herewith elects the claims of Group I without traverse, without waiving any other rights. A cleaned-up version of the elected claims 22-31 is attached as Attachment A beginning at page i.

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ATTACHMENT A

Cleaned-Up Version of Elected Claims (as of 4/26/01)

22. (New) A computer component rack mounting system, comprising:

front and back left vertical rack members;

front and back right vertical rack members;

5 a left support rail fixed to the front and back left vertical rack members;

an inner fixed left slide rail secured to the left support rail and positioned between the front and back left vertical rack members;

an outer left slide rail for mutually engaging and sliding within the inner fixed left slide rail;

10 a right support rail fixed to the front and back right vertical rack members; and

an inner fixed right slide rail secured to the right support rail and positioned between the front and back right vertical rack members; and

an outer right slide rail for mutually engaging and sliding within the inner fixed right slide rail.

15 23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein a height profile of the outer left slide rail and a height profile of the outer right slide rail are reduced to accommodate an increased depth profile for a computer component enclosure.

20 24. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein the height profile of outer left slide rail is approximately half of a height profile of the left support rail and the height profile of the outer right slide rail is approximately half of the height profile of the right support rail.

25. (New) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

a computer component enclosure including a left computer component enclosure portion disposed closely above the outer left slide rail, the computer component enclosure further including a right component enclosure portion disposed closely above the outer right slide rail.

26. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the left support rail is attached to the inner fixed left slide rail at an upper portion or lower portion of the left support rail, the right support rail is attached to the inner fixed right slide rail at an upper portion or lower portion of the right support rail, the left support rail includes an upper set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed left slide rail to the upper portion of the left support rail, the right support rail includes an upper set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed right slide rail to the upper portion of the right support rail, the left support rail further includes a lower set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed left slide rail to the lower portion of the left support rail, the right support rail further includes a lower set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed right slide rail to the lower portion of the right support rail, the left support rail is longitudinally symmetric with respect to its upper set of apertures and lower set of apertures, and the right support rail is longitudinally symmetric with respect to its upper set of apertures and lower set of apertures.

27. (New) A computer component rack mounting system, comprising:

a computer component enclosure;

an outer left slide rail fixed to the computer component enclosure below a left extension of the computer component enclosure;

an outer right slide rail fixed to the computer component enclosure below a right extension of the computer component enclosure;

an inner fixed left slide rail mutually engaging the outer left slide rail and disposed outwardly of the left extension;

an inner fixed right slide rail mutually engaging the outer right slide rail and disposed outwardly of the right extension;

a left support rail fixed to the inner fixed left slide rail; and

a right support rail fixed to the inner fixed right slide rail.

28. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein a height profile of the outer left slide rail and a height profile of the outer right slide rail are reduced to accommodate an increased depth profile for the computer component enclosure.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the height profile of outer left slide rail is approximately half of a height profile of the left support rail and the height profile of the outer right slide rail is approximately half of the height profile of the right support rail.

30. (New) The system of claim 27, further comprising:

front and back left vertical rack members horizontally aligned with the inner fixed left slide rail to conceal the width of the inner fixed left slide rail; and

front and back right vertical rack members horizontally aligned with the inner fixed left slide rail to conceal the width of the inner fixed right slide rail.

31. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein the left support rail is attached to the inner fixed left slide rail at an upper portion or lower portion of the left support rail, the right support rail is attached to the inner fixed right slide rail at an upper portion or lower portion of the right support rail, the left support rail includes an upper set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed left slide rail to the upper portion of the left support rail, the right support rail includes an upper set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed right slide rail to the upper portion of the right support rail, the left support rail further includes a lower set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed left slide rail to the lower portion of the left support rail, the right support rail further includes a lower set of apertures for receiving fasteners to attach the inner fixed right slide rail to the lower portion of the right support rail, the left support rail is longitudinally symmetric with respect to its upper set of apertures and lower set of apertures, and the right support rail is longitudinally symmetric with respect to its upper set of apertures and lower set of apertures.